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TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: FIVE POWER STATEMENT ON WALVIS BAY

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM USUN THAT CANADIAN MISSION HAS A
REPORTING CABLE FROM CAPE TOWN RELATING A DISCUSSION
BETWEEN CANADIAN AMBASSADOR AND BOTHA'S AIDE VAN HEERDEN.
FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM CANADIAN ACCOUNT OF DIS-
CUSSION:

QUOTE: I BELIEVE THAT THE NEXT FEW DAYS WILL BE CRITICAL--
AT LEAST INSOFAR AS SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED.
THE WAY WE HANDLE WALVIS BAY IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL
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WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT. VAN HEERDEN VOLUNTEERED THAT FROM
SOUTH AFRICA'S POINT OF VIEW THEY WERE PURPOSELY DOWN-
PLAYING WALVIS BAY. WHEN I SAID THAT SOME OR ALL OF THE
FIVE MIGHT HAVE TO MAKE STATEMENTS IN THE COUNCIL TO THE
EFFECT THAT OUR GOVERNMENTS BELIEVED THAT WALVIS BAY SHOULD
BECOME PART OF NAMIBIA, THIS DID NOT DISTURB VAN HEERDEN
AT ALL. IN FACT, HE ASKED ME IF I HAD NOTICED THAT FOURIE

HAD BEEN TRYING TO GIVE US A SIGNAL TO THIS EFFECT IN
RECENT DAYS. END QUOTE.

2. GIVEN THE EMPHASIS WHICH NUJOMA PLACED ON THE WALVIS
BAY ISSUE IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE SECRETARY TODAY, WE

BELIEVE THAT IN FACT ABILITY OF SOME OR ALL OF THE FIVE
TO SAY THAT WALVIS BAY SHOULD BE A PART OF AN INDEPENDENT
NAMIBIA MAY BE CRUCIAL TO THE PROSPECTS FOR MOVING AHEAD
WITH OUR PROPOSALS. YOU SHOULD COMPARE NOTES WITH CAPE
TOWN FIVE AND ATTEMPT TO GET A UNIFIED POSITION CON-
CURRING IN THE USEFULNESS OF SUCH A STATEMENT WHICH COULD
BE REPORTED TO THE FIVE MISSIONS IN NEW YORK AND CAPITALS
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